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Save the Date!

Join us for Graduation & Youth Sunday on May 22 as we honor our graduates and youth during service. Members of our youth will be leading our worship service that day as well. Please submit your graduates' information to central@cumckm.org by May 18 for publication in our June 2022 newsletter.



We are delighted to announce that Pastor Bruce Gwyn has been reappointed to Central United Methodist Church for one year after retiring.

Please continue to pray for Pastor Bruce and his wife Deborah for guidance, strength and support as they continue their appointment here at Central United Methodist Church.

Join us as we honor our moms during service

May 8, 2022

Happy
Mother's
Day



Central News & Notes

- 5/4 National Day of Prayer, 12:00pm
(Location: outside at KM City Hall)
- 5/9 Finance, 6 pm
- 5/9 Administrative Council, 7 pm
- 5/17 Endowment Committee, 5pm*
(Please note new date & time)

Join us for Worship on Sundays at 10:00am in person or online! Sunday School 8:30am



Welcome to Spring and UMW!

To promote unity and cohesiveness, we would like to invite any church women interested in participating in the United Methodist Women to join us! Please come to Marie Brinkley's at 413 Country Club Acres, on May 17 at 5:30pm. We will socialize, have light refreshments, and have a short devotional. Please RSVP if you plan to attend at brinkleym15@gmail.com
Looking forward to seeing you!

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Teresa Williams
Music Minister, Justin Harper
Organist, Doug Parker

UMYF Upcoming Events

- YOUTH NIGHT May 1—5:30pm - 7:30pm**
LOCATION: At the church The youth will be meeting per normal.
- YOUTH NIGHT —May 8 No Youth**
- YOUTH NIGHT —May 15 5:30pm - 7:30pm**
LOCATION: At the church The youth will be meeting per normal.
- YOUTH NIGHT—May 22 - No Youth**
(Graduation/Youth Sunday during 10am service)
- YOUTH NIGHT—May 29 NO Youth**

If you have any questions or would like to join/volunteer for youth events, please contact Kayla Potter at kayla@cumckm.org or 704-739-2471.

Praise, Prayer, and Paper —by audrey

Well, hello there. How is it going in your world? Mine is just as crazy as ever. So, I have over slept my alarm several times since last writing. And yes, Spiritual warfare is real. I am battling going back to sleep while trying to think about God for only 3 minutes when my alarm goes off. I just want to Praise Him and Worship Him and yes you guessed it I go right back to sleep. Okay enough of me let's get to it.

I wanted to speak specifically about Prayer today. I have been doing a Deep Dive with the "She Reads Truth" Community in Ephesians 6:10-20. It has been an empowering time as I try to understand the Full Armor of God more deeply. The Belt of Truth, the Breastplate of Righteousness, the Sandals of the Gospel of Peace, the Shield of Faith, Helmet of Salvation, and the Sword of The Spirit are held together on my body by my Prayer Life.

Look at verse 18 from Ephesians chapter 6: Pray at all times in the Spirit with every prayer and request, and stay alert with all perseverance and intercession for all the saints. Now this verse comes right after all the Armor of God verses and just like we need a Good Foundation before we build a structure, we need a communication line with God as we Put on Our Armor of God each Day.

So, On Paper today I share with you a Quote from Patti Sauls. She wrote this as part of a Devotional in The Armor of God reading plan: "Yes, this is the battle plan: to begin by talking with the One who holds all hope for victory and to remember that God is the source of all spiritual power and direction. Prayer-our open channel for honest communication with God- is a mighty gift and a dependable drumbeat for life. Like the steady beat of a drumline that walks alongside soldiers heading into combat, prayer is the drumbeat in our battle against evil and brokenness. The steady cadence of prayer unifies us, sets our pace, and leads us onward.

So, in the rhythms of life build the Foundation of your day through Prayer and move to the beating of our heart and soul in cadence to God's drumbeat. I will forever look at drums and prayer differently.

Listen Do you hear God's Heartbeat? -audrey

A Thank You Note

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for the deli tray. The love and support from our church family truly means a lot to us this difficult time.

Love,
The Family of Judy Norwood
Mike, Penny, Nikki and Emily

KIDS Central News



Our kids have had an awesome time in Kids Central learning about the power of teamwork and how God wants us to work together! Be sure to stop by and take a look at our artwork in the hallway if you haven't already!

Please note that we will not be meeting for Kids Central on Mother's Day (May 8th), Youth Sunday (May 22nd) or Memorial Day Sunday (May 29th). Children will be in the sanctuary on these dates.

Family

Fellowship Night

Save the date for our next Family Night on Wednesday, June 8 at 6:15pm. More details to come!

Family Fellowship Night



SMALL GROUPS

Small Groups are back!

Small groups are starting back this month. A lot of your favorite groups have returned! Please see the small group flyer or contact the church office for more information.

April 2022 Community Kitchen Report

This month we distributed food and goods to **118 households** with a grand total of **271 people** served.

Statistics of age groups who visited:

0-18= **51**; 19-64 = **166**; 65+ = **54**

Food Lion donated food and other items. The needs are still great, but the donations through Food Lion and Second Harvest have declined due to inventory. The Community Kitchen is in partnership with Second Harvest and we serve on Thursdays from 3:00-4:30pm. Thanks to all those who help to keep this ministry running!

Scenes from Easter 2022 Photos courtesy of Scott Meade



Pastor Bruce Gwyn leads Easter Service

Our Chancel Choir led by Justin Harper



The baptism of Wesley Greenwood



New members Jada & Vincent Rees



The Dixon Family in front of the decorated cross outside of Central.



Nicole Radford



The Wilson Family